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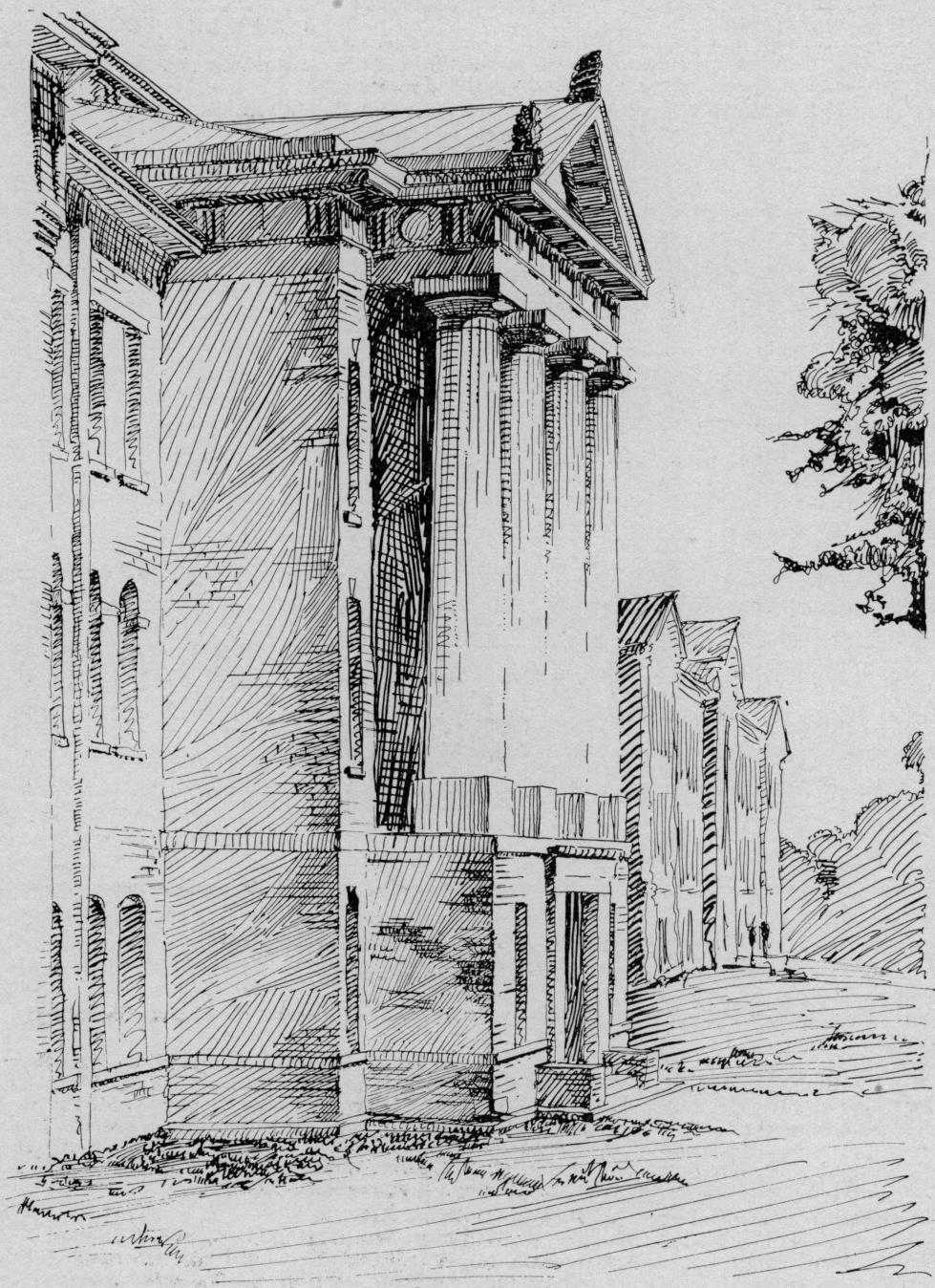
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FARMERS' WEEK GREAT SUCCESS

Largest Group of Farmers and Farm Women Ever to Attend Farmers' Week Came to Auburn, Aug. 5-10, to Learn of Latest Methods on Many Phases of Rural Life

A LONG roads leading into Auburn motorcades of farm people were seen traveling on the morning of August 5. They were en route to their college of agriculture of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute to attend the annual farmers' week exercises to get practical information about their farm and home problems, and to make acquaintances and get inspiration concerning a bigger and better rural life.

The program at Auburn began with the eighth annual convention of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation which was attended by Farm Bureau representatives, delegates, and others wishing to acquaint themselves with the workings and results of this conservative and practical business organization of farmers.

Dr. Knapp Greets Visitors

President Bradford Knapp was happy in greeting the visitors and in welcoming them to Auburn. He was especially pleased with the large attendance under the new plan of conducting the farmers' week exercises as he had inaugurated it. He assured his audience that Auburn is a service institution, serving not only in agriculture and rural problems but rendering other kinds of service that is fundamental to the progress and prosperity of Alabama. He let it be known that the Alabama Polytechnic Institute is the "cornerstone of education, agriculture, and industry in Alabama."

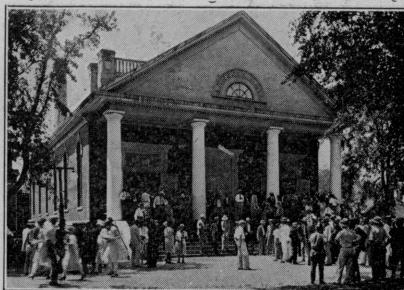
Farm Bureau Report

The report by Pres. Edward A. O'Neal, of the Farm Bureau Federation, was impressive. It revealed that this organization did a business of \$70,000,000 during its first eight years. This includes buying, selling, and financing.

Mr. O'Neal declared that the organization which he represents not only cooperates with Auburn but also depends upon Auburn for information as to what to do and how to do it. For example, purchases of fertilizers, seeds, and other things are

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made on the basis of the recommendations of the Experiment Station. The same applies to other Farm Bureau projects, which means that this organization is merely extending the Alabama Polytechnic Institute to the people of Alabama. It is doing so in a much bigger and much more effective way that could possibly be done without such an organization.



Farmers and their wives in front of Langdon Hall Farmers' Week, August 5-10.

President O'Neal was re-elected to serve for the sixth consecutive year. R. F. Croom, of Evergreen, and W. M. Hester, of Russellville, were re-elected as first and second vice-presidents.

The new executive committee (in addition to the president and vice-presidents) is composed of Lee Griffin, Hale County; J. L. Edwards, Dallas County; Dr. W. C. Braswell, Coffee County; J. H. Thompson, DeKalb; E. S. Pace, Calhoun; Allen Northington, Montgomery. Mr. Thompson succeeds W. F. Osborne, an alumnus of Auburn who has rendered distinguished service as a member of the committee but was not re-elected because he was disabled in an automobile accident several months ago. Mr. Osborne is in a critical condition at his home in Tuscaloosa. Mr. Griffin succeeded S. P. Storrs, who retired from the committee when he was appointed commissioner of agriculture.

State Meeting of Women

The State Council of Home Demonstration Club women was in session at the same time. The annual report of Mrs. W. F. Jeffers, president, revealed the cooperation of this organization and the home demonstration workers of Auburn. Mrs. L. W. Spratling, of Waverly, was elected to succeed Mrs. Jeffers. Her husband is an Auburn alumnus and one of her daughters has the distinction of having graduated in agriculture at Auburn.

Duncan Hall Dedicated

THE Farm Bureau and State Council meeting continued two days. Upon recommendation of Pres. Bradford Knapp, Duncan Hall was dedicated at the close of the session of the second day. Dr. Knapp presided and spoke very forcefully and touchingly of his extended relations with Mr. Duncan and of the service which he has rendered. He explained that the building which was named for Mr. Duncan by the board of trustees was made possible by Mr. Duncan's wise and efficient management of the Extension Service. The building was erected and furnished at a cost of approximately \$100,000.

President O'Neal spoke for the farmers of the State at the dedication. He eulogized the work of Auburn and especially that of Director Duncan. He declared that it is a great pleasure for the farming people to know that there is such a building at Auburn and that it is named for Mr. Duncan.

President Knapp called on Mr. Duncan for a few words. Although the situation under which he was speaking made it very difficult for him, he expressed his deep appreciation of the honor that had been conferred upon him and pledged again his faithful and untiring service in behalf of more profitable agriculture and better rural life in Alabama. The dedication service was held on the front steps of the building which

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Col. Thomas Drake Samford '88, One of Auburn's Most Distinguished Alumni

Since 1891, Col. Samford Has Been Successful Attorney in Opelika

COL. THOMAS DRAKE SAMFORD was born in Auburn, Lee County, Alabama, Nov. 2, 1868. He is the second son of William James Samford and Caroline Drake Samford. Mr. Samford moved with his parents to Opelika, Alabama, in the Fall of 1871 where he has continuously maintained his residence since that time.

Mr. Samford was educated in the private schools of Opelika and Auburn until he entered the college at Auburn in 1885, from which institution he was graduated in 1888. He became an instructor in the department of natural history at the Auburn College the year following his graduation and continued his studies in post graduate work until the fall of 1889 at which time he accepted position of Professor of English and Mathematics in the North Alabama Agricultural School at Athens. Mr. Samford with Prof. C. L. Newman organized this branch agricultural or district school which was the first of its kind to be organized in the State.

In 1890, at the age of 21 years, he entered and read law in the office of his father. In January 1891 he was admitted to practice law and became a member of the law firm of W. J. Samford & Son, which firm continued the practice of law in Opelika until the senior member, Hon. William J. Samford, was elected Governor of Alabama.

On July 5, 1899, he was married to Miss Louise Andrew Westcott, of Montgomery, Ala.

Colonel Samford was campaign manager for his father during the memorable campaign of 1900 which culminated in the last Democratic State Convention to nominate state officers, in which convention William J. Samford was nominated for Governor over four opponents. The younger Samford following the succeeding election became the private secretary to his father, and on account of the impairment of health of the Governor himself, discharged many of the duties of the executive office until the death of Governor Samford in June, 1901, at which time Mr. Samford returned to law practice in Opelika.

Even though he has often been urged to allow the use of his name as a candidate for office, he has uniformly declined to do so, preferring to devote himself to the practice of his profession. This he has continued to do without cessation until the present time. He is now the senior member of the firm of Samford & Samford, the junior member being his son, William J. Samford. In the meantime Mr. Samford was appointed by President Wilson as United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama with offices at

great branches of Methodism in the United States.

Colonel Samford, also, has taken an active part in fraternal work, having been at one time Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Alabama and a member twice of the Supreme Lodge of that order. He is also a 32nd. degree Mason.

For five successive terms, Colonel Samford was elected as president of the Alumni Association of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. During his terms of office he was very active and ardent in his efforts to build up the college and the interest of the association. It was during this period that Mr. Samford was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the college, which office he has held for approximately 20 years and in point of service is the oldest member of the Board.

Colonel Samford was not only educated at Auburn, but he has educated his three sons at Auburn; his three brothers were educated at Auburn and a number of his other relatives of the Samford family are proud to claim Auburn as their Alma Mater. Mr. Samford devotes unselfishly a great deal of his time to the interest of the college and many of his friends believe he places the welfare of the old college ahead of his own private interest.

He was for three years captain of the baseball team of Auburn, and during that time the college never lost a game with any opposing team. Mr. Samford was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, later becoming a trustee of the organization.

Col. Samford is a successful business man, but he finds time to enjoy his recreations, which include fishing, hunting, and travelling.

In conclusion, it may justly be said that Auburn has no more staunch supporter and ardent friend anywhere than she has in Colonel Samford. It is men like him that make the old school famous. And it is because of the assistance and guidance of such men as Colonel Samford, who give freely of their time and energies to the ongoing of the institution's affairs, that Auburn today is making the present great strides forward.



COL. T. D. SAMFORD '88

Montgomery, Opelika, and Dothan. Mr. Samford continued in this office for more than ten years, covering the period of the World War during which time many novel and arduous duties devolved upon him, all of which he discharged with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the government.

Colonel Samford is a member of the Methodist Church and has been active in the work of that great religious organization. For 30 years he has been a steward in the church; for 35 years, a teacher in his Sunday School; for 24 years he has been a member of every general conference of his church, except one which he could not attend; and for many years was a member of the commission in relation to the unification of the two

Miller Reese Hutchison '13--Noted Inventor

With More than 1,000 Patents to His Credit, Mr. Hutchison Has Been 'Decorated by the King of England. His Working Day Is 19 Hours

THREE IS nothing mystical nor awe-inspiring about inventors. They are just ordinary people with a very practical turn of mind."

Miller Reese Hutchison, native of Alabama, scientist, inventor and power in Wall Street, was speaking.

But there is little ordinary in a man who has more than 1,000 patents to his credit, who has been decorated by the King of England, whose accomplishments require almost a full page in "Who's-Who" and who works 19 hours each day. It seemed most extraordinary, except for the fact that Dr. Hutchison is very warm and friendly and his interest in the welfare and happiness of those about is so genuine that while with him one forgets that he is a scientist. One sees only a friendly, smiling, good-humored man, fond of a good joke, and taking a lively interest in world affairs, as well as the affairs of Wall Street and the many friends with whom he surrounds himself.

He is affectionately known as "Hutch" to men like Josephus Daniels and Hudson Maxim. To his employees he is Dr. Hutchison, but one would never know which was personal friend and which was employee if one judged by his manner.

Born in Baldwin County

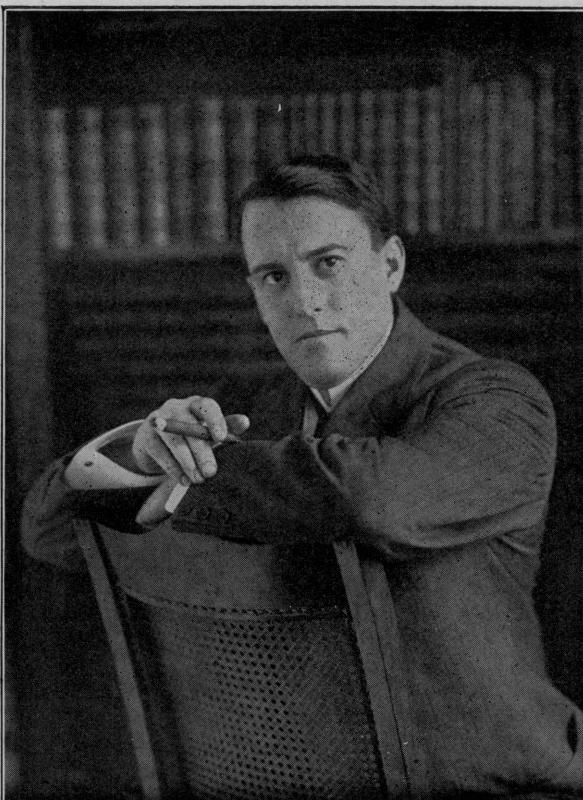
Miller Reese Hutchison was born in Montrose, Baldwin County. After attending the public schools of Mobile, he was a student at Marion Institute and Alabama Polytechnic and took his Ph.D degree at Spring Hill College. Although he left his native state for a wider field of endeavor in New York City in 1899, he still retains a deep affection for Alabama and interest in her steady development and prides himself on the fact that in his home, "Colonia," out in Orange, N. J., he dispenses what he terms "Southern hospitality."

His beautiful home, complete in every respect for entertainment and comfort, from the luxurious living room with an open fireplace to a billiard room and stables, is constantly

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open to his friends. And if Southern hospitality is the most cordial and warm, then he truly dispenses it.

At the perfectly appointed dinner table in Dr. Hutchison's home, we chatted of many things, including his much-beloved and only grandson. Dr



MILLER REESE HUTCHISON '13

Hutchison loves Southern people and anyone from his own Alabama gains an immediate entree into his family circle.

"After all," he confided, "there are no people anywhere finer than Southern folks. Of course I love New York, New England and many European countries, but they do not produce people of such charm and warmth as does the South."

Dual Personality

Dr. Hutchison says he has two distinct personalities. One is the financier, active in Wall Street affairs until 5 in the afternoon. In the evening he is the inventor, and in the complete shop and laboratory on the third floor of his home he works un-

til 3 in the morning, daily. He sleeps only three or four hours each day, and enjoys perfect health.

"No individual," he declares, "needs more than five hours sleep daily; many need only three or four. People require a great deal of sleep because they have accustomed themselves to long hours of rest. They could without harm to themselves train their minds and bodies to very much less. I think it is laziness and waste to spend one third of one's life in bed."

Dr. Hutchison's perfect health, mental alertness and abundant energy are proof enough of his statements. Thomas Edison, with whom Dr. Hutchison was associated for many years, has also demonstrated that most individuals take more sleep than they need.

Dr. Hutchison's favorite forms of recreations are tennis and riding. His amazing energy is again shown in that he loves the more active sports and cares nothing for the milder forms such as "bridge and golf."

Inspiration Is Work

"Inspiration?" Dr. Hutchison repeated. "Inspiration counts very little in an inventor's life and work. Inventions are about 2 per cent inspiration and 98 per cent perspiration. A great many imaginative people have the erroneous impression that people who create things work largely on inspiration. They think that because a few creative geniuses have had the experience of awakening suddenly in the stillness of the night with an idea on which they furiously set to work that all creative work must be done that way. My experience has been otherwise—really of a very practical nature."

"First of all I have seen a need. Then I have set to work to fill that need by applying the well known laws of physics. In a way, nothing I have done has been creative, for I have merely taken the natural laws as a basis and made things in ac-

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What Price Advancement?

"A Righteous Discontent with Present Conditions and an Inquiring Mind Is Necessary if Alabama Is to Progress," says Dr. Knapp

NO PROFESSION is showing greater advancement than the profession of the engineer. Radio, television, "the talkies," sixty-story buildings, the airplane, the great dirigibles, the modern power plant in an auto,—a thousand and one things attest the most marvelous age of all ages. But "What Price Advancement?" if I may alter the title of a famous novel of the post-war period. Why do these new things come? By what modern process are the additions to our sum total of knowledge made? All down the ages we have had the inventors, the men of imagination, the inquirers, those mysterious fellows who produce what looks as easy today but in reality was a new idea, child of some man's brain, a discovery, a creation. We have, indeed, reached the new age, the age of systematized invention, of endowed research. In place of the poverty stricken genius of the olden day struggling to bring to light his discovery, today we have millions of money deliberately devoted to the task of study, research, and the resultant invention.

My attention was called recently to a bulletin of the National Research Council devoted to listing the "Industrial Research Laboratories" of the United States. It is worthy of thought. In the agricultural research work of the Land Grant Colleges there are approximately three thousand men and women engaged and the total annual expenses run close to \$12,000,000. Of course there are a number of private concerns engaged in research work beneficial to agriculture but that figure is worth setting down.

When one turns to our great engineering work, to the industries, to the great manufacturing companies, one is amazed at the extent of their scientific research work. The industrial research laboratories listed in the bulletin referred to above employ a total of 16,706 men, the vast majority of whom are highly paid and highly trained scientists. Let me take a few examples. The Bell Telephone Laboratories, Incorporated, of New York is the research department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and of the Western

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Electric Company. The full time of approximately two thousand employees is devoted to the various scientific problems of this great company and its subsidiaries. Space forbids me to set out here in detail the field of its inquiry but really it is the task of transmitting the human voice, pictures, the written word, etc. How many millions they are spending a year is not stated. Du Pont, E. I., de Nemours & Company have extensive laboratories employing ten hundred twenty-five people mainly in chemical research. The Brown Paper Company of Maine employs ninety persons in research work, the Chrysler Corporation has one hundred forty-four, General Motors two hundred sixty-three, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company four hundred eighty-four, General Electric Company three hundred seventy, and so I might add to the list page upon page. It is an amazing and thrilling array of scientific effort. Every avenue of human endeavor is touched.

The thing which impresses me most is that the new thing, the invention of tomorrow is no longer an accident, no longer the hard-earned effort of one long-haired genius. Invention is now the product of the great laboratory. Chance has given way to methodical and definite planning. No longer do we read of the poor bicycle repair man struggling with the incipient idea of a new automobile. Today the Ford billions create the Model A.

But still this is America and the man who has it in him and is willing to work can go to the top. At Auburn, our Engineering Division has three purposes (1) to train men in the engineering profession, (2) to create a desire for research in engineering problems by centering a part of the effort of faculty and advanced students on important problems of engineering and (3) to serve the industries and the people of the state by furnishing information on technical scientific subjects for their use and benefit. Where can this valuable radium which was lost be found? Professor Dunstan answers with the aid of a delicate and highly scientific

instrument which finds the radium. What causes the difficulty with the turbine at the hydro-electric plant? Hixon and others begin a study which is only a scientific hunt for the answer. So one might go on. Remember this is the age of research. If Auburn, and especially the College of Engineering, is to stand the test and produce the type of men needed, research must be developed. The price of advancement is scientific inquiry.

If Alabama is to advance there are two important incentives worthy of consideration. One is a righteous discontent and the other is an inquiring mind. Perfect satisfaction produces nothing but an infinite inertia. Betterment need not be material alone. No one has yet reached the zenith. There are three things, which if said truly of the college man, will open the way for constant advancement. These are moral dependability, mental alertness, and physical energy. The man who is straight, honest, moral; who is keen, intelligent and a quick thinker; who is not afraid to put forth effort, not afraid of work and work hard will succeed. The lack of these qualities means that no one particularly wants you; you have millions of competitors in the world. But here is the field; here is the world building as never a generation built before; here are laboratories and funds; here are dreams, brain pictures, possibilities. What price advancement? You may take it either way. The world wants real engineers.

ALUMNI APPOINTMENT BUREAU



The alumni office now maintains an appointment bureau both for students and graduates. Its purpose is to assist Auburn men in securing desirable positions. No charge is made for this service.

Address—

J. V. Brown,
Alumni Executive Secretary,
Auburn, Ala.

EDITORIALS

**Many Alumni Chapters
Hold Meetings**

COACH G. M. BOHLER and the Secretary have just returned from an extended itinerary over the State visiting Auburn clubs. Delightful luncheons or dinners were served at Alexander City, Sylacauga, Talladega, Albertville, Huntsville, Sheffield, Carrollton, Russellville, Greensboro, Demopolis, Monroeville, Evergreen, and Andalusia. Meetings were planned for us at Rockford, Decatur, Hartselle, Tuscaloosa, Bay Minette, and Mobile. At Fayette, Vernon, and Thomasville new clubs were organized.

Because of a misunderstanding we failed to reach the Thomasville meeting, but the men organized an enthusiastic club and are now ready to participate actively in the work of the Association. We regretted our failure to be with the alumni there, but we will be glad to see them at a future meeting.

For one reason or another it was not possible to get the men together at Gadsden, Anniston, Eutaw, Dothan and Clayton. We hope to see them and other chapters missed in a rousing meeting at an early date.

It is a great delight to witness the spirit of optimism and cooperation everywhere we met Auburn men. They are happy to know that our new President, Dr. Knapp, is meeting every demand of the college in its new enterprises of promotion and enlargement. The men speak joyfully of his unflagging energy, the warm welcome accorded him in his many speaking engagements over the State, his large visions for expansion and growth at the college. More than ever, after one year at the helm, they are doubly assured of his fitness and efficiency as our new leader of educational forces at Auburn. No one sounds a low note. Every true Auburn man stands ready to back up the administration and expects, along with other interesting achievements, that football under the able direction and leadership of Coach Bohler and his expert coaching staff to see athletics at Auburn come back to normalcy. With all men catching step there is no doubt in the minds of any that this will come to pass.

Lastly, please allow us to express our deep gratitude to every one for their many courtesies and favors at the meetings held in all places mentioned above. Whenever our services are needed at any time, call on us. LET'S GO:

**Are You Supporting
the Association?**

DURING the past few years little has been said about the matter of supporting the Alumni Association by the payment of dues. A faithful effort has now been made to organize our forces intelligently and the foundation has been laid for doing constructive work—work for Auburn which only the alumni can do.

Everyone must realize that if we carry on successfully the Association must be supported financially. Are we willing to do it and thereby build up an organization equal to that of any body of alumni in the land? Surely we cannot continue to leave the burden of this responsibility to others?

For two years now, the Alumnus has been published. Comparatively few have yet considered the matter seriously enough to pay their alumni dues or even to send us their subscription to the magazine though sample copies have repeatedly been mailed to non-subscribers. The publication of the magazine alone costs approximately \$2,500 per year. Many express their appreciation of the publication. Are you willing to support it?

Do not consider this request lightly and pass it up for others to come to our rescue. It is individually a small amount but if every one will cooperate, the total will easily enable us to carry on in a manner that will be a source of satisfaction to all.

Never before has there been a time when so many worthy boys from all over our State are appealing for help to make it possible to come to Auburn. A revolving loan fund can be provided by the alumni that will serve as an everlasting benediction to the cause of education. If one elects to pay his life membership of \$100, or his supporting annual dues of \$10, these entire amounts will be devoted to the revolving fund. If he is willing to pay his annual membership dues of \$5.00, half of this amount will go to the loan fund and the other half to maintenance. Unable to pay any of the above amounts, a subscription of \$2.00 for the Alumnus will be appreciated and will help.

Do not delay sending your remittance and thus relieve a tension that bears heavily upon those carrying the burden of this work. May we count on your support?



PREXY'S PAGE

BRADFORD KNAPP, President



A New School Year~

A NEW school year is about to begin. We have put in a hard year's work getting ready. I am sure that many things remain to be done but I have confidence that we are opening the best year of the history of the institution.

Loyalty~

TO the old students, new students, and alumni I will say that the biggest thing we can all do is to drop every criticism we may have had in the past and center our attention on team work. It will do a lot to help Auburn. I know of things which have been told on the streets and have actually gone out into the State that were untrue or distorted. Wouldn't it be a good thing to come to headquarters and get the truth regarding matters before we do too much talking? A united Auburn is altogether the most important thing we can think about. If we can only throw aside every distraction and center our attention on doing the work in hand courageously and well, I shall not worry about other matters a great deal.

Engineering Experiment Station~

THE Engineering Experiment Station is coming along in splendid shape. We have a number of projects which are exceedingly promising. Some of these are in Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering while others are in the field of Chemical Engineering. In a very short time I believe the work of the institution will be recognized along these lines.

Visitors~

DURING no summer time have there been so many visitors in Auburn as during the past vacation period. At Farmers' Week there were more than a thousand people here. The week before that we had more than a thousand visitors from three different counties. The first institute of the Alabama Press Association attracted a great deal of attention and brought us a crowd of men and women. The National Poultry Science Association has been one of the first national and international

scientific societies to meet here. We feel that it is a great thing to get folks to come to Auburn. More than four thousand came here in August.

A Challenge~

IN all this whole process of building these new buildings and everything else, I have not lost sight of the stadium. I will tell you alumni just what I can do. I can build a stadium to seat approximately 10,000 people for close to \$65,000.00. In fact, I think if we could raise \$30,000.00 we could build it and carry the balance. I noticed a piece in a sports' column of a recent paper speaking of Auburn's handicaps. The only handicaps I know of at Auburn are a stadium, a decent unity of spirit, a little more courage. Give me that stadium and I'll put crowds into the town of Auburn big enough to make athletics pay. What we need at Auburn is a place to take care of the folks who will come if they know they can be taken care of.

Athletics~

RED" FLOYD and "Bull" McFaden are on the job with steady, hard-working Hutsell and Head Coach Bohler right here to work full time. The boys are feeling all peped-up and we are determined to do our dead level best. The finest thing that has been said about Auburn lately is that we have the courage to go ahead. The courage is still here.

Harmful Things~

I AM trying to stop some harmful practices at Auburn such as cutting freshmen's hair, leaving Auburn on week-end trips in such large numbers and certain other practices which have been harmful to the school. Except for the hair cutting and paddling, these are matters which are indulged in by relatively a few. Most of them are things which would be condemned by the best people everywhere. Some of them like the hair cutting have long since gone out of practice in the best colleges of our country. They are relics of a past century and should not be tolerated. I am very proud of the fact that the vast majority of the student body is standing with me in trying to elimi-

nate these harmful things. I am asking the cooperation of the parents, friends of the institution, and alumni in this important piece of work.

New Buildings~

WE laid the corner stone of the Ross Chemical Laboratory the other day and other projects are moving forward very rapidly. We have been greatly delayed by the task of getting the ownership of the property within the boundaries of the campus for the State. That has been a difficult and exceedingly onerous task. I am hoping we shall make progress before long.

Encouragement~

EVERY now and then I get the finest encouragement in the world out of some alumnus who comes in and sits down and talks about the future of the school. It is a great thing to have these worth while, thinking men who talk in terms, not of football alone, but in terms of service the institution can be to the State and the value of the training here to the young men and young women who come. I think the finest encouragement we get is the encouragement which comes from quiet conferences which enable us to talk of the business affairs and the objectives of the institution.

New Work~

THE work in Textile Engineering will open this fall. An expanded Department of Music will be in operation and additional members of the staff will be here to begin their active duties. It will be worth while for alumni and students to keep up with these marks of progress.

The Catalogue~

IN the meantime I want to recommend to every alumnus that he get a copy of the new catalogue of the institution. It represents a year of very hard work. It is by no means perfect but we think it is quite an improvement in the coordination, unification, and expansion of the work of the institution. We have heard words of very high praise from distinguished educators who have examined the catalogue since it has come from the press.

Recent Books You Might Enjoy

By J. R. Rutland, '00, Head Professor of English

Francis Hackett's Henry VIII

HENRY VIII," by Francis Hackett, is in the Ludwig-Strachey-Maurice tradition, but it is a study that carries the mannerisms of this genre to such an extreme as to seem more like a parody than a serious piece of work. Of course it is based on much scholarly research but it forsakes the authority of the scholar's restrained and cautious interpretation. "To be then-minded, to use imagination and intuition, to suggest life—this is the task of the psycho-historian," explains Mr. Hackett, and the book does these things; but the life it suggests is not the life of the sixteenth century; it is the life of Mr. Hackett's lively imagination. "No vividness," he continues, "excuses infidelity to the facts," and the author is faithful to the facts; but it is a common bit of knowledge that one may be faithful to facts and still fail to distill out of those facts a verity of universal life. The truth of human life as it was lived in the sixteenth century does not seem to be the resultant of the facts which are here marshalled before us.

Of course one will learn more about the England of Pre-Elizabethan days through reading this book, unless he is especially well informed in that period; and no one can object to an extension of knowledge of the world's history. Furthermore, he will get his information in such a sweetened, adorned, and decorative form as to make the medicine palatable. There is a certain exuberance of fancy, a certain display of color and motion and a certain dramatic sense which give entertaining variety to its farce, pageantry, melodrama, and tragedy. But the lusciousness and gusto are spoiled by the utter lack of restraint. The reader will find many interesting passages; he will find passages that stir his emotions, passages that are beautiful. In short, we must admit that the book appears to us to consist in passage after passage in which the riot of color, beauty, and emotion "strain one to the height in this celestial colloquy." But the beauties are all sensual and the emotions are but

SOME RECENT BOOKS

Robert Russa Moton, "What the Negro Thinks." Doubleday, Doran and Company.

Sherwood Anderson, "Hell Towns." Horace Liveright.

Thomas Robson Hay, "Hood's Tennessee Campaign." Walter Neale.

J. W. Madden, "Life of Charles Allen Culberson." Gammel's Book Store, Austin, Texas.

Walter Lippman, "A Preface to Morals." The Macmillan Company.

Mabelle Babcock Blake and others, "The Education of the Modern Girl." Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston. A symposium with an introduction by President Neilson of Smith College.

superficial. Many passages combine these beauties with subtly-interwoven risque, and even shocking, appeals to phallic titillation.

WE must decry the fact that this book has been chosen by such a group as the committee of the "Book-of-the-Month Club." Especially must we add to our regret because the book often falls below the level of competent English style and sentence structure. It is a superficial attempt to attract one to platitudinous ideas by means of pyrotechnics and fine writing. It is bright with the glitter of cheap tinsel. It reminds us of what Sir Francis Bacon said of distilled books, that "they are like distilled waters, flashy things." We have a multiplicity of details arranged in obscure patterns. The obscurity is partly due to diverting sentence structure, dangling constructions, long, involved sentences, with subjects constantly shifting, and pronouns thrown in with reckless disregard for antecedents. The confusion results in paragraphs incoherent and labored in a way that belies the attempted lightness of style. Worse, the author's conclusions seem as unsound as his sentence structure. "The Background" is a particularly unfortunate appendage at the end of the book in that it furnishes an epitome of the faults that mar an entertaining "psycho-history." Here are some

sentences that will illustrate the point.

Dangling participle: "Branded by his melodramatic antagonist, Richard the Third, as 'that great rebel, Henry ap Tudor,' the word 'rebel,' a flourish of Richard's hot imagination, was never worse applied."

Shifts in subject and voice and faculty reference of pronouns producing obscurity": . . . she raced into battle when bearing a child; the unborn child was sacrificed but Portugal was repulsed, and she set about breeding another child to make her queen of Portugal. "(The italics are mine.) Out of the confusion, the meaning can be rescued, as it sometimes can out of a freshman theme. But it will take all the reader's ingenuity and a long seige with the context of the following sentence to derive the exact meaning: "Was it geographical that France should be a unit, where Spain could not incorporate Portugal with itself?"

There is a great deal of spice and gossip in this biography of Henry VIII—enough to insure its being widely read. History has made Henry, with his six wives and various mistresses, a fascinating figure. And there is enough about Henry as protector of the humanists and heretics persecuted in other European countries—Erasmus, Colet, and More, his defiance of the Catholic powers, principally Spain, his establishing a new church of which he was the head, and his alliance with other protestant powers, to entice the imagination. With all its faults there is still so much to the book that few will regret the time spent in reading it.

There is a certain fascination of reality connected with the luridness of the account of the beheading of Anne Boleyn, his second wife, when she laughs merrily as she says: "I heard say the executioner was very good, and I have a little neck." And perhaps you will like the impersonal flavor of "The stroke of the sword severed her neck; her little head rolled to the straw."

Or perhaps the unaffected simplicity of this bloodcurdling account of
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Notes From The Classes

1904

Fulton Pace finished at Auburn in Civil Engineering and is well known in Alabama for his work in his profession. He has had quite a bit of experience in engineering work both in the United States and in Central America. At one time he was Chief Engineer for a project at Aguirre, Porto Rico. For some time he was Division Engineer and superintendent of the Mexican National Highway Commission at Mexico City.

He made a topographic survey for the Alabama Power Company on the site of the present Mitchell dam, following which he was in charge of the construction of roads in Coosa County. He also did extensive engineering work in Coosa, Clay and Cleburne Counties.

During the World War Mr. Pace saw service with the 23rd Engineers Highway Regiment of 20 months and is now a captain in the Engineer Reserve Corps. After the war he was with the North Carolina Highway Department for some time as resident engineer during their road building program. In 1927 he was superintendent of construction of the various convict camps in Alabama. Recently Mr. Pace was appointed by S. M. Dunwoody, commissioner of agriculture of Alabama, chief drainage engineer to supervise drainage operations in the State.

1916

The little lady investigating the flower is Kathryn Floyd Douglass, a age 13 months, daughter of Vernon James Douglass '16 and Kate Floyd Douglass '23, formerly of Auburn. They live at this address: 5225 7th

Avenue, South, Birmingham, and Mr. Douglass is supervisor of manual training in the Birmingham schools. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass were married July 21, 1926.

1917

P. A. Terrell, formerly manager of the new industries division of the Mississippi Power Company has been appointed to take charge of the rail-



road sales and engineering service for the Copperweld Steel Company in the states of Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. The following nine months were spent on the General Electric test course at Schenectady. He served as Lieutenant, 158th Company, First Regiment of United States Marine Corps, seeing active service in Cuba and Haiti. Following his military service he was employed by the Alabama Power Company in the substation maintenance department, becoming the assistant superintendent of the west division in 1920. In 1921, he was then promoted to superintendent of the Gadsden district, and became district manager of the Jasper district in 1922. Mr. Terrell resigned this position in May, 1927, to become manager of the new industries division of the Mississippi Power Company, which position he has held until his association with the Copperweld Steel Company, effective October 1.

1924

A. S. Coleman is draftsman for Steinman and Steinman, architects, at 410 San Jacinto Building, Beaumont, Texas. He received his M. A. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Boston Tech.) in 1925. During the year 1926-27 he was an instructor in Architecture at Auburn. At the end of the year he resigned here in order to study abroad. After spending the summer at Ecole de Beaux Arts at Fontainebleau, France, he received a certificate.

1925

Max Ford came to Auburn from Hamilton and graduated in Civil Engineering. He made a commendable record, making Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, was Captain of a battery in R. O. T. C. and made distinction in his Sophomore and Junior years and Highest Distinction during his senior year.

After graduation he accepted a position with the college as instructor in Civil Engineering. At the end of the year he resigned to take a position with the Southern Railway Company and was transit-man on location for two and one-half years on the Chattanooga—Cincinnati division (sometimes known as the CNO

and TP.) Early last year he was in Birmingham making a grade revision survey at the Southern yards. At present he is Junior Engineer on the construction of 35 miles of double track line near Lexington, Ky., and is stationed at Nicholsville, Ky.

1926

W. A. McCree graduated in Civil Engineering. After graduation he elected to go into the public utilities field and accepted a position with the Alabama Power Company. His first job was at Gorgas, Ala., and there he assisted in the layout of improvements of the steam plant, bought from the government a few years after the war. He was then transferred to Mobile and was in charge of the "spotting" of piles and assisted in the driving of them for that steam plant.

When the Upper Tallassee project was started Mr. McCree was transferred to design work and was on the design of the spillway section of that dam. At present he is located at Tallassee on the lower Tallassee dam now under construction and is directly under Mr. Riddle, Chief Designer.

Russell Wilson finished in Chemical Engineering (and was) an instructor in chemistry for the summer session immediately following. Mr. Wilson then resigned to take a fellowship at George Washington University at Washington. At George Washington he taught chemistry and worked on his degree and received a degree of M. S. in chemical engineering.

At present Mr. Wilson holds a position in the United States Patent Office in the chemical department. He is also taking a course at the university where he received his M. S. leading to a degree in law, outside of office hours.

While at Auburn Mr. Wilson was an outstanding student of his class. He made Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Epsilon and was awarded the Comer medal for the best all round student in science. Like many others he received a commission in Field Artillery at the end of his course in R. O. T. C., but he transferred to the Chemical Warfare branch and holds a Lieutenant's commission in the reserve army.

J. A. Stripling is now an architectural draftsman in Montgomery. He spent a year in Tampa, Florida, and another in Birmingham engaged in that work.

E. C. McKnight holds a position as teacher in the Pickens County high school, Reform, Ala.

W. G. O'Brien has secured a position as teacher in Geraldine high school, located at Crossville, Ala.

R. A. Stevens is now teaching in the Jefferson County high school, at Tarrant, Ala.

Miss Evelyn Waller is teaching in the State Secondary Agricultural School, Wetumpka, Ala.

1927

Miss Nellie Bass is now teaching in the Jones Mill high school, at Jones Mill, Ala.

H. A. Bess has accepted a position as teacher of Vocational Agriculture in the Blackshear high school, located at Uriah, Ala.

Z. H. Burns is at present a teacher at Fairfield high school, Fairfield, Ala.

Miss Mildred Cheshire is teaching in Leroy high school, at Leroy, Ala. Miss Cheshire's home is at Auburn; she was exceedingly popular while in college, taking an active part in many of the women's activities. Her work in the teaching profession indicates that she has not lost this knack at leadership, and is doing her work there in accordance with the high standard set here in college work.

W. M. Green is a teacher in the Coosa County high school, at Rochford, Ala.

W. B. "Bully" Hitchcock, who gained such a splendid reputation as a baseball player during his college days, is now teaching and coaching in the Geneva high school, Geneva, Ala.

C. W. Hughes, B. S. in Agricultural Education, is now teaching Vocational Agriculture at Pike County high school, Brundidge, Ala.

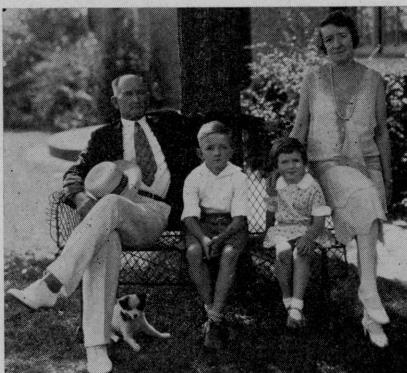
Miss Fannie Igou is now teaching at the Daviston high school, Daviston, Ala.

1928

D. S. McKenzie is apprentice engineer for the General Electric Company and is located at Schenectady, New York.

S. R. "Shorty" Long is teaching in the Arab Vocational high school, at Arab, Ala. "Shorty" was widely known during his college career as the tall, fighting lad who played guard in football. And he was only a beginner in the famous Long line; two younger brothers, Grady and Howell proved their worth in the

1893



Here is S. L. "Shell" Toomer '93 and his family. Seated next to Mr. Toomer is Sheldon, Jr., Margaret, and Mrs. Toomer. The picture was taken on the lawn of the Toomer's beautiful home in Auburn. Mr. Toomer is a prominent druggist and president of the Bank of Auburn.

pigskin world during the past season. Howell will captain the Tigers through next season; both will graduate next spring.

Miss Thelma McGinty is principal of the Smith Station high school, Smith Station, Ala. Through her ability as a teacher, she has gained membership to Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary educational fraternity, to which she was initiated April 26, with a number of others in Montgomery.

J. B. Page is teaching in the Langdale high school, Langdale, Ala.

Joseph Palmer is now teaching in the Millry high school, located at Millry, Ala.

W. H. Phipps is teaching at Central high school, Florence, Ala.

E. A. "Dizz" Pruett, is teaching and coaching at Clift high school, Opelika, Ala. He has held this position since his graduation in 1927.

W. H. Stoves is teaching at Woodlawn high school, Birmingham.

R. O. Armstrong, B. S. in Agricultural Education, is now teaching Vocational Agriculture in the New Market high school, New Market, Ala. Mr. Armstrong is from Hamilton, Ala.—the little country village which has sent such a large number of splendid students to Auburn. He is carrying on the reputation of that place in his successful work in the teaching field.

Roy C. Cargile is teaching in the Escambia County high school, located at Atmore, Ala. Although fresh in the work, Mr. Cargile is making a splendid record as a teacher. A scholarship and his extra curricula activities enabled him to secure a college education; he has carried this ability to work and study simultaneously with him to the field of teaching. Roy declined the Birmingham News scholarship upon gradu-

ation from the Fayette County high school, in favor of a needy girl classmate who desired college training. As a result of this chivalrous act, the wide-awake business men of Fayette, Ala., got together and awarded him a special scholarship, which enabled him to pursue educational training. Mr. Cargile is to be commended for his ability and pluck.

J. D. Comer has secured a position as teacher of Vocational Agriculture in the Lawrence County high school, located at Moulton, Ala.

John Formby is teaching in the Holtsville high school, at Deatsville, Ala.

W. W. Johnson has accepted a position as teacher in the Ranburn high school, at Bowdon, Ga. He was popularly known as "Senator" during his college days, and gained quite a reputation as an electioneer ("bull shooter") among his classmates. His only difficulty was in obtaining an attentive and believing audience!

R. P. "Bob" McKinnon is now teacher in the Sidney Lanier high school at Montgomery. Bob is popularly known over the State, especially to radio fans, by his excellent performances over WAPI noon programs as vocal and stringed instrument artist. McKinnon and Francis, classmates, gained quite a reputation in this field.

HENRY VIII

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the death of Katheryn Howard, convicted of faithlessness to Henry as his fifth wife—to Henry, who being king was "faithful" to six:

"She said wildly, 'I die a queen, but I would rather die the wife of Culpepper. God have mercy on my soul. Good people I beg you pray for me.'

"Falling on her knees she began to pray. Then the headsman severed her bent neck, and her young blood gushed out in a terrible torrent. Lady Rochford was then brought to the block, but before she was led out her mistress' little body, covered with a black cloth, was lifted up and borne to the chapel, where it was buried near Anne Boleyn."

Surely this is the same unfailing appeal that brings front page headlines for such sensational murder mysteries as the Hall-Mills case. It is hoping for too much, I suppose, ever to expect anything else of the newspaper-reading public. But it does seem that the patrons of the Book-of-the-Month Club say, the editors themselves—might be expected to rise above such balderdash. If this be treason.



ATHLETICS



1929 Athletic Prospects Bright--Coach Bohler

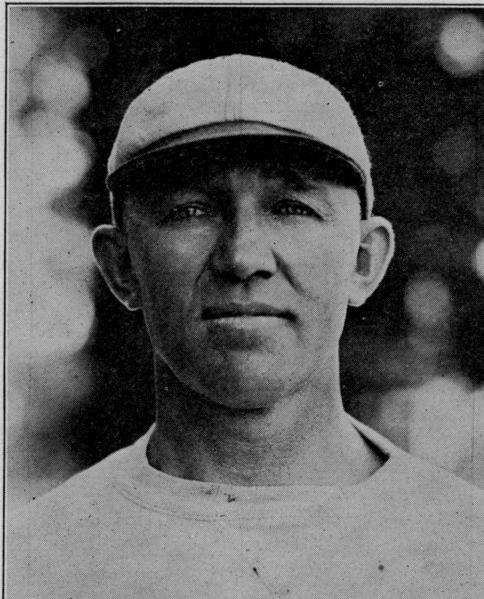
THE ATHLETIC PROSPECTS for the coming season are exceedingly bright for all sports. Good men were lost through graduation last spring but an abundance of freshman and sophomore material of last year is available for the teams. Football should make a decided stride forward. While such men as Tuxworth, Ingram, and Carter, who graduated last spring, will not be here, a large group of freshmen and scrubs of 1928 will more than make up for the loss of these men.

"Shorty" Long with his brother, Grady, should prove to be outstanding linemen. Jacobs, Taylor, Farrington, and Newton are splendid prospects for tackles. Shannon, Egge, Kirkwood, Nageley, Andrews, and McGhee will develop into splendid ends. Burt, Schlich, Bush, Holdcroft, Hill, Green and Harkins will be available in the center. From amongst these fellows, a good, hard-charging line can be developed.

For the backfield, varsity men of last year, Crawford, Chappelle, Callahan, Yarbrough, and Peake will be back for another year. From last year's freshman squad Hatfield, Leach, Argo, Cooper,

By GEORGE M. BOHLER
Head Coach

Simpkins, Jacobs, and Creighton will be available. Our varsity caliber will do much for giving us a fine backfield in addition to Spence, Sellers, Snider, Frazier, Malone, Jones,



COACH GEORGE M. BOHLER

ing for the next year or two. Louie James, a two-year letter man and captain-elect, will be back.

In baseball, Currie, Smith and Booth will be the only men lost. The pitchers will all be back and in addition will be supplemented by splendid pitching material from the freshman team. We should have one of the best baseball teams in the conference next year.

Track, like all the other varsity teams, was being rebuilt last year. Few men will be lost through graduation and the freshman material, given consideration for the first time last fall, will fill in places of men who graduated and maintain within a high standard.

New coaching blood will be of great assistance to us. J. C. Floyd, assistant coach at Vanderbilt University for the past several years, comes to us as assistant football coach and baseball coach. Earl McFaden, for the past several years coach at Cloverdale High School, comes to us as freshman coach. McFaden is a former Auburn "A" man and will do much toward developing freshman material for future varsity teams. "Sheriff" Lee will again be back for part-time work as assistant in football and baseball. Weemie Basquin will be assistant in football and assistant track coach.



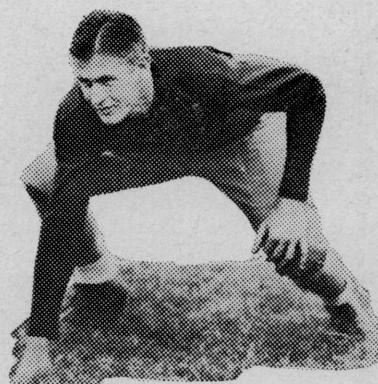
EARL "BULL" MCFADEN
One of Auburn's new coaches who will have charge of the Freshman teams.

McLeskey and Granger. All of the scrub team have developed their spring work to the point where they will be ready for regular duty during the coming season.

The spring work was the most extensive ever indulged in and a fine spirit was shown by all taking part. Great progress was made toward placing the new men in the positions where they will be of most value. Quite a bit of time was devoted to fundamentals so that this fall little time need be lost for the development of the team.

The football schedule is hard and with the leading teams of the conference. However, you can expect considerable improvement over the team of the last few years.

In basketball, Dubose, Mullin, and Vines of last year's team will be missing, but from promising freshman material a good team is in the mak-



"BIG" BEN NEWTON

Who gives promise of becoming a star at the tackle position this season. He weighs 200 pounds and is well over six feet tall.

Order Your Football Tickets Now

Auburn Alumni:

YOU can buy tickets for every game that Auburn plays during the 1929 season direct from the Auburn office. As per former custom, the alumni will get first choice of the allotment of tickets in our hands, but of course, we will have to throw the sale open to the general public by September 16. We shall accordingly expect your order or application for tickets to reach us by that date. We are making every effort to secure tickets for all the games by that date so that we may fill your order. Unavoidably there are delays with the printer and the mails at times that are unavoidable, but when the tickets for each game arrive, we shall guarantee you FIRST CHOICE of the seats allotted to us for any particular game you desire to attend, IF your application reaches us by September 16. We shall file the application for tickets in the order received and fill them accordingly.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO A. P. I. ATHLETICS and mail with order filled out for tickets desired in form below, direct to SECRETARY AUBURN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, AUBURN, ALABAMA, for immediate attention.

Don't forget to enclose 25c in postage or with check for registration of tickets.

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No. of Reserved Seat Tickets Desired	For This Game	At	Total
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October 5	Clemson College in Clemson	\$2.50	\$
October 11	Univ. of Florida in Montgomery Friday Night Game	\$2.50	\$
October 19	Vanderbilt University at Birmingham	\$2.50	\$
October 26	Howard College at Auburn	\$2.00	\$
November 2	University of Tennessee at Knoxville	\$2.50	\$
November 9	Tulane University in New Orleans	\$2.50	\$
November 16	University of Georgia in Athens, Ga.	\$2.50	\$
November 28	Georgia Tech in Atlanta	\$2.50	\$

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Add 25c for mailing and registration.

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Auburn Man Organizes Basket Ball Team of Players Who Are Blind

IN the hill country of East Central Alabama, E. R. Wren, athletic director of the Alabama School for the Blind, has developed the first basketball team in the world composed exclusively of blind players.

Only one member of the varsity team can distinguish light, although every player has an average of tossing three goals out of five attempts on a regular size court. This proficiency was accomplished by co-ordinating the player's sense of sound with their muscular reaction.

Back from the war, where he served with the Rainbow Division, was wounded and later decorated with a Distinguished Service Cross and the Belgian Order of the Crown, Wren cast about for something to do. He began coaching a normal school basketball team and two years ago accepted Gov. Bibb Graves' offer of the athletic directorship of the State schools for the blind and mutes.

Wren at first could not achieve much in an athletic way with the blind children. They could hear instructions but could not see how to execute them. Almost invariably they fell in attempting the simplest form of exercise.

One day Wren saw a totally blind youngster playing with a handball. The boy would toss it about, grab a handful of sand and throw it in the

general direction that he had made the toss. If the sound of the sand hitting the ball reached his ears, he walked straight to it. Otherwise he wandered aimlessly in his search.

That gave Wren his idea. The State appropriated money for a gymnasium which Wren wired himself. On each basket he placed different sounding electric bells. Then he had a basketball made with a bell inside. Each player was given a bell for his wrist, the sound of one team's bell being different from those worn by their opponents. The players were taught to clap their hands continually during a game.

Wren controls the bells. When a player of one team is poised for a shot at the goal, Wren rings the bell on his goal. The player throws then in the direction of the goal. Should the ball roll dead or its bell cease ringing, the play is resumed again with a toss between opposing players.

The teams plan to continue intra-school games until they become more proficient. Then they plan to go abroad for games with high schools or to stage exhibitions between school teams.

Wren also has developed an athletic team among blind girl students who recently captured the championship of Talladega County in a county-wide field meet.

JAMES BYRD PILCHER '20 VICE-CONSUL TO CHINA

JAMES BYRD PILCHER, recently appointed vice-consul to Nanking, China, left his home in Dothan, Ala., on May 14, for his foreign destination. He is the second Auburn man to receive such an important appointment within the past few months, the other being Robert Brown '26, also of Dothan, who was assigned to Bagdad and is already on the job.

James Byrd acquired the B. S. in 1920 and M. S. in 1921, degrees from Auburn, following his graduation from the Dothan High School. He was a member of Phi Kappa Delta and the honorary Phi Kappa Phi fraternities. He studied two years in Washington, D. C., and upon his completion of the course in foreign service school of the department of state was assigned to the consulate service.

Of the eight Alabama men in this service, two of them are Auburn graduates.

business. He was a special representative of ours in the South, and his visit here had been arranged so as to lay plans for promotive work in his territory during the first half of this year.

"On Friday, the 20th, he kept to his room at the hotel because he was not feeling well. He had some evidence of a recurrence of influenza, an attack of which he had had earlier in the fall. Friday night, however, he felt well enough to keep a social engagement for dinner. On Saturday morning when he did not communicate with this office, I called the Hotel and failing to get any answer from him, asked the manager to inquire at his room whether he felt well or needed any attention. The manager discovered that he seemed to be quite ill and a few minutes later reported that, in the house physician's opinion, he should be taken to the hospital and given treatment.

"He was immediately carried to the Memorial Hospital where the preliminary diagnosis was lobar pneumonia with heart complications. He steadily grew worse during the afternoon and night of Saturday, and died Sunday, December 23rd about 9:30 in the morning.

"He is survived by three sons, one of whom, D. P. Pace, is Land and Industrial Agent of the Missouri Pacific Lines, with headquarters at Houston, Texas. Another son, E. M. Pace, Jr., is a Commander in the United States Navy assigned to the Aeroplane Service and is at present stationed at Santa Monica, California, where he is Inspector of Aeroplanes for the Government. The third son, whose name I do not know, lives in Houston, Texas, I think.

"Mr. D. P. Pace of Houston arrived here on Christmas Day and took his father's body to Calvert, Texas, where it was buried by the side of his first wife.

"Mr. E. M. Pace was a brother of A. E. Pace of Dothan, Alabama, who died about two years ago and who, I understand, was also an alumnus of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

"Mr. E. M. Pace was for a number of years in school work. Some thirty-five years ago he left the superintendency of the Public Schools at Calvert, Texas, to enter the School Book publishing business, and ever since that time he has been engaged in the business of selling school books. His work had brought him in contact with practically every school situation in the United States and he was perhaps one of the most widely known and highly regarded men in his line of work."

IN MEMORIAM

E. M. PACE '83

In response to a letter written by the secretary to G. Ramsay Bancroft, treasurer of Charles E. Merrill Co., publishers, Chicago, the following account was given concerning the death of E. M. Pace '83:

"I have your letter of March 26th, asking for some of the particulars of the death of Mr. E. M. Pace. I am sorry I have no newspaper clipping to send you. I do not recall having seen an account of it. However, Mr. Pace was employed by this company and was in Chicago at the time of his death, having come here several days previously for a conference with me.

"Mr. Pace arrived in Chicago on December 19th, and stopped at the Morrison Hotel. He was in the office on that day and the next, discussing matters of interest in relation to our

Minutes of Alumni Meeting

MAY 20, 1929, LANGDON HALL

MEETING called to order by the President, General Robert E. Noble.

Invocation by Rev. Jas. R. Edwards, Auburn.

Report of President of the Association. Financial condition of the association stressed and budget suggested. Importance of Loan Fund emphasized and suggestion made that life membership funds should be kept as a Loan Fund and the interest only be used for loans.

Announcement was submitted at this time by the President of the College, Dr. Bradford Knapp, expressing his appreciation and thanks to the President of the Association, the Executive Secretary and the alumni body for their interest and cooperation. Dr. Knapp said he felt that the alumni had been of great help to the College and would mean much to the future of the institution. As proof of his belief in the association he stated that he was asking the Board at its meeting on even date to set aside the amount of the Executive Secretary's salary to be paid by the College.

Report of Executive Secretary, J. V. Brown, giving information as to his activities throughout the year, number of chapters organized and the general work of the office.

Report of Chairman of Executive Committee, Prof. C. L. Hare, was the next order of business. Prof. Hare reported everything in good shape and the spirit of the alumni fine.

Motion made by Mr. L. N. Duncan that all these reports be accepted with appreciation and thanks. Motion carried.

Unfinished business next taken up. The Constitution as revised by committee appointed at former Executive Committee meeting was voted on and accepted with the following amendments:

AMENDMENT 1—to Article III. Membership. That the Association may elect honorary members at any annual meeting.

AMENDMENT 2—to Article IV. Officers. That the clause in Section 1, "The President shall not be eligible to succeed himself" be struck out and that Section 1, of Article IV read as follows: "The officers of this association shall be a President, seventeen Vice-Presidents, and a Sec-

retary and Treasurer, and shall hold office for one year.

Motion made by Mr. Wm. F. Samford that resolution expressing sincere appreciation by the alumni body of Dr. Knapp's help and cooperative interest in the Alumni Association, and that the alumni wish to go on record as being whole-heartedly for Dr. Knapp and solidly behind him in every undertaking for the interest and good of the institution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford Knapp in the few months during which he has been president of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute has taken charge of the affairs of the College in a manner that not only reflects credit upon himself but the entire organization of the Institution and;

WHEREAS, Dr. Knapp has energetically devoted himself to the task of dealing in an intelligent and practical way with the many problems that stand in the way of progress of the college and is going forward with a most splendid program of building and expansion and;

WHEREAS, Dr. Knapp in his public addresses before educational gatherings, civic clubs, business men and farmers of the State, has made an impression as President of the college, which is gratifying to every alumnus;

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that we as alumni assembled in annual meeting, hereby, express our sincere appreciation of Dr. Knapp's splendid conception of the needs of the college and the position of leadership he has already won in the hearts of the people of Alabama and further that we, each and everyone present, pledge our unlimited support and assistance to Dr. Knapp, the faculty, and students in making Auburn the leading technical institute of the South.

The following resolution regarding Judge Lewe Frank Sessions also made and carried:

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, Judge Lewe Frank Sessions of Ozark, Dale County, a prominent alumnus of Auburn, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, who is Vice-President of the Auburn Alumni at large, has distinguished himself by progressive paths of life and especially since he has been notable for his afforts in behalf of the advancement of Auburn and;

WHEREAS, Judge Sessions on account of a severe illness, is unable to join with us in welcoming and inaugurating President Bradford Knapp to the highest office Auburn can give;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: By the alumni of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, in annual session duly assembled, that we extend to our distinguished fellow alumnus, assurances of our sympathy and vital concern over his illness; That, we hope for his speedy return to health and activity. To his family we extend our sympathy and appreciation and to Dale County we give further assurances, that we as a state-wide organization have long recognized the valued services of Judge Sessions who has labored so long for various projects of public betterment, and public progress.

Copy of this Resolution to be sent to Judge Sessions' family, and, to the Ozark Star, a progressive County newspaper in Dale County.

Motion made and carried that expression of thanks be given to Mrs. Kate Teague Hagler for her interest and generosity to the College and Association by giving a scholarship of \$25.00 a month to take care of student in college next year, and each succeeding year until he graduates—this help to be given as a loan.

An expression of thanks was presented by the Association to the President, General Robert E. Noble, and presentation of a golf bag by the alumni was made for his untiring interest and activity in its behalf.

Great enthusiasm was manifested in the work of the Association by the members and but for the brief time allotted in which to work many more interesting things would have been done.

Election of President was next in order, and motion made that General Robert E. Noble be re-elected as President of the Association for another year. Motion carried unanimously.

The following alumni donations of \$25.00 each to the general fund of the Association:

John V. Denson, Opelika; Dr. B. B. Ross, Auburn; W. R. Tichenor, Atlanta; G. J. Griel, Montgomery; O. H. Sellers, Montgomery; Mrs. W. E. Benns, West Point, Ga.; Thos. H. Bonner, Atlanta.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned to go to inaugural banquet of President Knapp in the Alumni gymnasium, and other activities of the day.

M. R. HUTCHINSON '13

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cordance with them. All inventions must necessarily be formulated to comply with the fundamental laws of physics or else they would not work. In this sense nothing is new, since every apparently new thing is based upon what some one has previously discovered or made."

Among the most widely used of Dr. Hutchison's inventions are the Klaxon horn used on all cars built by the General Motors Company, and the acousticon, which enables the partially deaf and even the deaf to hear. He told of how and where he saw the need of these two inventions.

"I was driving in Newark one evening. It was raining, foggy and the streets were wet and slippery. A man suddenly darted out immediately in front of my car. I applied the brakes and sounded my horn, which gave out a little musical note somewhat resembling an angel's harp. The pedestrian almost joined an angelic choir.

Found Shock Needed

"So then and there I decided that automobiles should have a horn that startled, shocked and repelled instead of one with a pleasing sound. A warning signal should be unpleasant or it does not really warn. Therefore the shocking shrillness of the Klaxon horn."

Although no one will say the Klaxon horn is pleasing to the ear, it justifies its existence by saving human life.

Of the acousticon, Dr. Hutchison says:

"I had a friend years ago who was a deaf mute. The acousticon was the result of love for him and a desire to make him hear. I also hoped that after he could hear he would learn to speak. But he never did. He seemed to be content with hearing. That was one of my keenest disappointments."

Dr. Hutchison is deeply interested in the development of radio and aeronautics.

"We have only stepped upon the threshold of these two modern inventions or discoveries," he said. "Both aeronautics and radio have great possibilities, in industry, business and social development."

Dr. Hutchison is an inveterate worker, drawing the plans, even to the most minute measurements, of his inventions. When a drawing comes from his board it carries full directions and measurements so that the mechanics can begin construction at once. Because of this careful

drawing, the expense of development is greatly decreased.

Acoustics, or sound, has been Dr. Hutchison's favorite field of endeavor.

"Very little has really been learned about sound," he says, "although it is one of the oldest things known to man. Architects continue to erect buildings in which sound is carried poorly. A great deal of my time has been spent correcting defects in which acoustics is poor. Sometimes only a thicker wall somewhere, or another opening, or a partition, is required.

Born an Inventor

"Yes," Dr. Hutchison answered to an inquiry. "I am quite happy in my work. Of course I have been working along several lines at once, invention, development and finance, so I have had variety. I think, however, I was born to be an inventor. As a boy I loved to putter around and experiment with things. My interest in invention has never waned.

"If I had not been an inventor, I would have been a surgeon. That is my strongest interest. I should have liked to do something for children especially. Some day I shall open a hospital for children who need operations on the head and spine. So many children suffer mental and physical handicaps which an operation by a competent surgeon would relieve. An eminent surgeon here in New York has signified his intention to help with his services. I should be happiest surrounded by a thousand children."

Over the radio in his home came an announcement: "Station WOR, Newark, N. J. We take pleasure in announcing an evening of music. Music is a thing of the Soul."

The world famous inventor on the opposite side of the fireside sighed contentedly, and spontaneously and earnestly he breathed: "It certainly is."

This from an inventor, a person who is generally thought of as interested only in geometry, trigonometry, and all the other things that confound and puzzle the average mind.

FARMERS' WEEK

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faces several large oak trees under which the audience assembled.

Master Farmers Named

ANOTHER feature of the week was the naming of ten master farmers. This was done by The Progressive Farmer in cooperation with the Extension Service and Ex-

periment Station of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. The awards were made at a banquet in the Alumni Gymnasium, Tuesday evening, August 6, which was attended by more than 600 people. Editor W. C. Lassetter of The Progressive Farmer was master of ceremonies. The speakers of the evening were Dr. Knapp, Dean Funchess, Director Duncan, and President O'Neal of the Farm Bureau.

The ten new master farmers are Allan Behel, Lauderdale County; John L. Chambers, Marshall County; Chas. C. Miller, Etowah County; C. P. Harwell, Tallapoosa County; Wyatt Key, Dale County; Seth P. Storrs, Elmore County; Will Howard Smith, Autauga County; J. L. Edwards, Dallas County; T. Cary Marriott, Monroe County; E. R. Jamie- son, Hale County.

Old Master Farmers

Two years ago the original ten were named, they being: John R. Witt, Belle Mina; J. J. Boyd, Hackleburg; Emil Graf, Mobile; J. W. Hathorn, Dothan; D. W. Hurst, Shorter; L. C. Young, Sr., Montgomery; J. B. H. Lumpkin, Albertville; R. E. Lambert, Darlington; W. H. King, Selma; B. H. Lightfoot, Troy.

In addition to these Mr. O'Neal was given a medal for "Distinguished Service in Farm Leadership." Mr. O'Neal had retired from active management of his farm at Florence to lead the Farm Bureau movement and was not eligible for a master farmer award. The medal which he received was considered a super-award, which is said to be the only one of its kind ever presented.

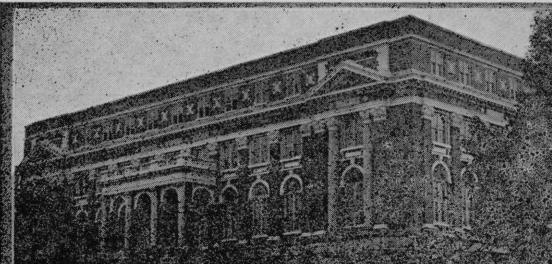
Painting Presented

At the banquet it was announced by Mrs. Victoria C. Lingo, home demonstration agent for Barbour County, that the home demonstration agents of the State had held a meeting that afternoon and decided to present to the College a painting of Director Duncan to be placed in Duncan Hall. She presented it to Dr. Knapp for the College who was happy in accepting it.

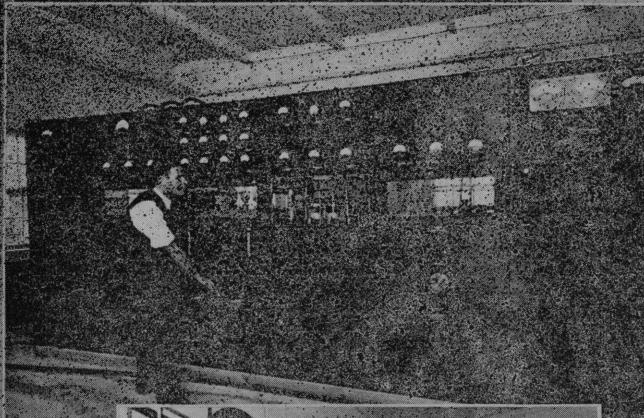
The short course program for farmers began Wednesday morning and continued until Friday noon. The attendance at each meeting was large and interest was splendid. Several distinguished speakers were heard at the general sessions, among them being Dr. Knapp, Dr. Clarence Poe, editor, The Progressive Farmer, W. C. Lassetter, editor, The Progressive Farmer, Dr. C. A. Cary, Dean M. J. Funchess, Director Duncan, C. A. Cobb, editor, Southern Ruralist, Miss Margaret Ambrose, State home demonstration agent for Tennessee, Dan Scoates of the Texas A. & M. College, and several others.

In attendance, in interest, and in value this, the 1929, farmers' week at Auburn set a new high record, which reflects more honor and more credit upon the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

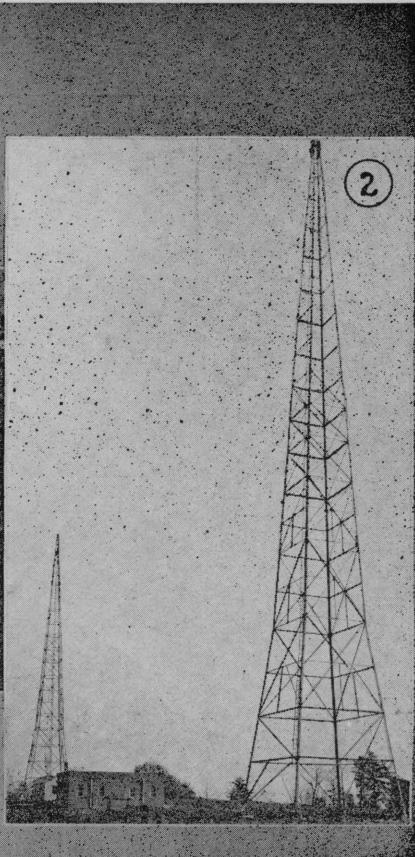
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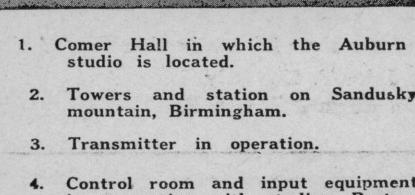
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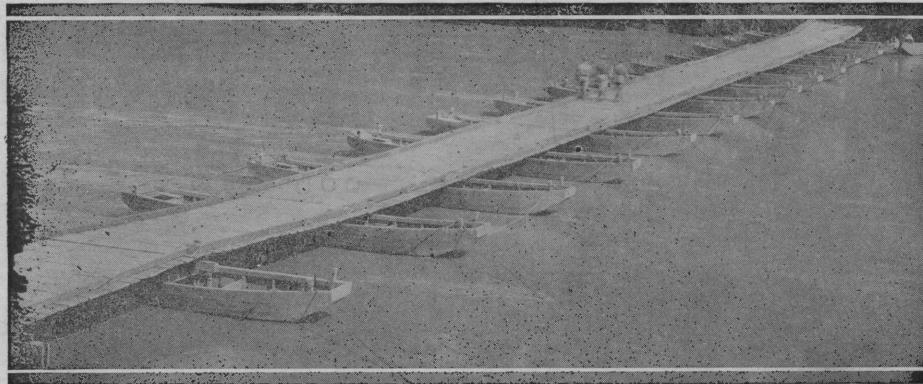
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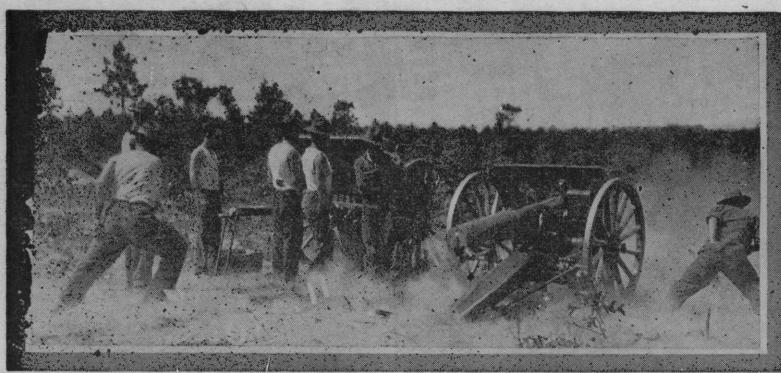
Captain Roy W. Grower, Corps of Engineers (DOL), In charge Engineer Unit.

1st Lieut. Clarence P. Townsley, Field Artillery (DOL), Instructor F. A. Unit.

1st Lieut. George B. Barth, Field Artillery (DOL), Adjutant.

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